

Appl. No. : 10/764991
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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 13, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the above-captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed Claims 1, 34-49 and 42-50.

Claims 40 and 41 stand rejected over Goicoechea et al. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection of these claims. Nevertheless, to advance issuance of the allowed claims, Applicant has canceled Claims 40 and 41 in this Amendment. Applicant reserves the right to pursue Claims 40 and 41 in their original or similar form in a continuing application.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.


The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney in order to resolve such issue promptly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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